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Filed : June 12, 2001
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CHARACTERISTICS
Examiner : Kevin C. Sirmons
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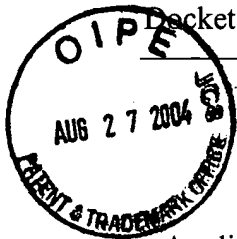
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) an Information Disclosure Statement;
- (X) a PTO Form 1449 with five (5) references; and
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing five (5) references that are also enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	3,570,484	03/1971	Steer et al.			
	2	5,535,771	07/1996	Purdy et al.			
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